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(U//~~FOUO~~) Incel is an abbreviation of the term "involuntary celibate," and was a word originally coined some 20 years ago to describe an online support forum for lonely singles. More recently, the word Incel has been co-opted, and now represents a sub-set of young, misogynistic men whose lives are devoid of sexual activity.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Incels principally blame women for the sexual rejection they experience and direct their hostility towards them. To a lesser extent, Incels also blame attractive men, reasoning these men lessen the pool of available attractive women. Moreover, some Incels believe society in general contributes to their predicament. Incels hold the notion that a hierarchical system based on wealth and power, two things Incels typically lack, is what prevents Incels from attracting the interest of certain women. The Internet and the emergence of social media, to include chat rooms and anonymous forums, have also enabled individuals to engage the Incel movement without joining organized groups.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Incels having failed to find women either willing to have or to be coerced into sex, turn their anger into calls of violence, which has ranged from the more common online harassment and threats to instances of mass casualty incidents. Some highly praised members of the Incel movement have stated harassment and violent rhetoric were strategically necessary.

(U//~~FOUO~~) FBI Cleveland will obtain intelligence through the use of:

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